

House Resolution No. 445

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those individuals who have accepted the duties and responsibilities of national office in organizations which are devoted to assisting military veterans and their families after their days of active duty have been brought to an honorable end; and

Whereas, Betty Morris of Aberdeen, Maryland, will pay an official visit to the state of Missouri with a stop at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2593 in Arnold on April 5, 2003; and

Whereas, the first black American and the first resident of Maryland to serve as National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Betty Morris enjoyed election to the Auxiliary's top post on Friday, August 30, 2002, during the Eighty-ninth National Convention which was held in Nashville, Tennessee; and

Whereas, universally praised as a "people-lover", Betty Morris is devoting her tenure as National President to building up the Mentoring program, promoting broader participation in Junior Girls Units, initiating several new membership benefits and awards, and encouraging the raising of \$3 million for the Auxiliary Cancer Aid and Research program for the fifteenth consecutive year; and

Whereas, National President Betty Morris utilized the theme of "Together Everyone Achieves Magic for our Veterans" in her acceptance speech, a stirring reminder of what the Ladies Auxiliary VFW hopes to accomplish by sponsoring scholarships and awards for students who participate in patriotic art, speech, and volunteerism contests; donating goods and services to help victims of violence, terrorism, and natural disasters; and conducting a special birthday celebration for the Statue of Liberty; and

Whereas, eligible for the Ladies Auxiliary through her husband, U.S. Army retiree Zarnoff F. Morris, Betty Morris has held numerous offices at the Post, District, Department, and National levels of the well-respected ancillary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization and has distinguished herself as a life member of Darlington-Dublin Memorial Auxiliary #10146 in Darlington, Maryland:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exceptional leadership and considerable accomplishments of Betty Morris as National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary and to extend to her this legislative body's warmest welcome as she engages in an annual official visit to the state of Missouri; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for National President Betty Morris of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary.

Offered by _____
Representative Ray Adams
District No. 101

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 445, adopted February 19

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker